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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT

COMMUNICATIONS INC. AND

NOTICE OF INTENT BY VERIZON

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STAFF REQUEST FOR PROCEDURAL ORDER

On April 13, 2005, Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon") and MCI, Inc. ("MCI"), on behalf of their regulated subsidiaries, filed a Joint Notice of Intent with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-803 for Verizon's proposed acquisition of MCI.

To-date there have been no petitions for intervention.

Staff requests that the Hearing Division issue a Procedural Order establishing the following procedural schedule to govern this matter.

> Applicants' testimony July 13, 2005 Staff/Intervenor Responsive Testimony August 30, 2005 Applicants' Rebuttal Testimony September 13, 2005 Hearing September 21, 2005

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Staff believes that the dates contemplated by this request will provide sufficient time for the parties to conduct necessary discovery and will result in expeditious consideration of the application in this proceeding.

Staff anticipates that the Procedural Order will address other issues as the Hearing Officer deems appropriate. Specifically, we would anticipate the establishment of intervention deadlines. notice requirements, discovery timeframes and other routine deadlines and procedures.

Accordingly, the Staff requests that the Hearing Division issue a Procedural Order incorporating the timelines set forth above, subject to comment by other parties, to govern the Commission's further proceedings in this matter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of May, 2005.

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